Greystoke, Didsbury
Manchester, England

Mark, John

[to Henry Chapman, Sr,
his friend]
[Manchester, England]

November 1, 1888

[We are very sorry to hear... that at present there is no improvement in the state of your dear wife's health; we are deeply grieved to think that such a good, kind, loving creature should be suffering so much pain...]

Greystoke. Didsbury.
Manchester. 19th Nov. 1888.

My dear Friend Henry Chapman.

We are very sorry to hear by Harry's card just received that at present there is no improvement in the state of your dear wife's health; we are deeply grieved to think that such a dear good kind loving creature should be suffering so much pain and we all send our loving sympathy to her especially and to you all, hoping soon to hear a better report: the thought carries me back nearly 40 years! when I first saw her a bright merry and beautiful girl. how time flies & pleasant memories dwell- We have been married 27 years and our grand children aged 3½ and 2½ yrs. have just been here enjoying

a romping play with me in the hall in shrieks of laughter, so far we are thankful to say they are fine strong healthy lads, bonny & amusing and very nice manners which make them more endearing to us. and Ethel their little mother is as bright & sparkling as a girl, we enjoy her visits very much.

From Hudson's letter we quite looked for a visit from one of them this Summer. and suppose now we must wait till next. I quite hoped to run over this "fall" if only for the benefit of the trip and were it is postponed till May when I have arranged to go over with an intimate gentleman friend from London to spend two or three weeks, if I can persuade my wife to go again to Schwalbach and take one of the girls for company. our visit there this year did her much good, the Steel water "Stahl-brunnen" seemed to suit her and after

into her blood, bringing back quite a bright healthy colour in her cheeks that reminded one of 20 years ~~since~~ ago.

My friend George Goodwin came back from his long visit to the States quite delighted with his experiences and all he saw and heard & learned & especially with your kindness to him at Philadelphia of which he speaks in glowing terms, it seems to be in your very nature how to pleasantly heap kindness upon business men like Goodwin & myself in a way one greatly appreciates at the time and can never forget. for your great attention to him partly for my sake, I thank you very sincerely. he told me how much he regretted that at the last he was obliged to leave New York for home without coming to see you & to say good bye as he fully intended.

Your Water Supply. I was pleased to learn by a newspaper paragraph

is about to be greatly improved which will be a great blessing to the City.— Our reservoirs contain at present a reserve of 6 000. 000. 000. gallons or about 300. days supply of 20 million galls a day to nearly a million people in Manch.r & Suburbs that we serve with water. and our works to bring 50 million galls. a day from Lake Thirlmere in Cumberland. 100 miles off. at a Cost of £3.000.000 Stirlg. are progressing very rapidly. so that we may be sure of the first 10.m a day in 2 or 3 years time. My interest in the Water works Committee was one of my chief inducements to continue in the City Council and I have just accepted re-election for another 3 yrs. after 11 yrs. Service. and could have done very well without the extra work for I have far away too much to do & too little enjoyment of my home, but a taste of public work & a bit of distinction among one's fellow citizens is hard to shake off with all its sacrifices.—

For the samples you so kindly sent I tender my best thanks. the Trenton "Crackers" that I liked so much in America we found by comparison were almost identical with Huntley & Palmer's "Cracknels" which we get every week and have a very limited sale, being too dry in the mouth for our people's taste. the Starch we can beat, at any rate for English laundresses and the American dried Apricots & Peaches we have in beautiful quality & condition at Liverpool at lower prices than the costs you named viz 20c & 16c. When you come to England again I think you will be amazed at the immense trade done with the States in Can fruits & provisions & vegetables. tens of thousands of cases are constantly on hand at Liverpool & London on the very lowest possible prices. Some months ago a very nice fellow representing the house of Brown of Philadelphia induced me to let him send me a case of various samples at special prices for finest qualities and in nearly every instance they were dearer & no better than we regularly get from L'pool & London from houses representing large packers in the States.

The Cerealine, beautiful light preparation I am quite disappointed does not go as I expected Customers take a packet on recommendation to try and they piled on the Counter all the time before their eyes they don't continue to order it, so what more can we do.

The Florida Oranges were so dear by comparison with the finest Jaffa that we could not sell them retail at anything like cost price & on the 20 Boxes I lost about 5 or 6 pounds and of course could not repeat the operation.

The list of Coins please ask Hudson or Harry to return, as they do not interest them I shall dispose of them first opportunity and it will spare me the pains of making out another.

Emily hopes to write to Mrs Chapman in a day or two. I have given an eminent London artist friend a Commission to paint her portrait in Oil in a large size & he is coming tomorrow to spend 3 weeks or a month on the job.

We are all well and there is no particular family news to mention. My unfortunate brother George is almost destitute in London and I have to send him a little money to go on with almost every week; at his age he cannot get suitable employment.

With very kind regards. Yours sincerely

John Mark.

ADDRESS FOR LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS IS JOHN MARK, MANCHESTER.

Mary Chapman

134 Pine Street.

HAVE YOUR MAIL ADDRESSED
TO STREET AND NUMBER.

Philadelphia

Pa.

Manchester, England

Mark, John

June 27, 1889

[to Henry Chapman, Jr.]

[the Chapmans' friend]

No envelope.

[You must come on direct to us at once.
We cannot think of you spending a
lonely dull day in a Liverpool Hotel
when we are close at hand...]

[Henry had begun his European travels...]

27. June 69

Greystoke,
Bidsbury

My dear Harry.

You must come on direct to us at once. We cannot think of you spending a lonely dull day at a Liverpool Hotel when we are close at hand to welcome you. If not a Philadelphia welcome, at least a very cordial English one. We shall be delighted to receive you and entertain you as long as you can stay.

Immediately on arrival of the mail tender on the

enclosed forms of telegram
Must be Grayshott anytime
& to Manchester up to say
1. o'clock on Saturday after
which I shall be at Didsbury
as the ladies are "up to the neck"
in a Church Bazaar.

Hope you will get able to leave
home with any prospect of gradual
improvement in your dear Mothers
health and that you have had
a very pleasant voyage

Yours My Sincere
Wm Mark

Mark, John

[to Henry Chapman, Jr.,
his friend]

No envelope.

[I arrived safely home
late last night and now
enclose the only letter
for you at present...]

Greystoke.
Bidsbury 1. 7. 84.

[illegible] Julian Lewis [illegible]
his daughter is [illegible] at the Priory
Hotel, Ryton since the [illegible] of the flood
[illegible] and he is in bed [illegible].

- How about my intended visit
to [illegible]. Hope it is not going
to make a difference in your home arrangements
about going away to stay. Let [illegible]
or anybody [illegible] to you [illegible]
another day. Letters
Also may be sent not [illegible]
to [illegible] without seeing them
however short the time may be.
But I hope you [illegible] and
Jane may [illegible] for a holiday
as the [illegible] [illegible]

very pleased to receive from
J. P. King of London today how well
all my affairs [illegible] by the University of both
to be back in England in five days
time from date of [illegible]
This is a week to see and the
[illegible] are so great we may
hope to [illegible] [illegible] without
much delay anywhere; at
present [illegible] Suppose we shall
spend at most two days and see
a few of the principal places in
that time; it is so restful to
be [illegible] but we cannot do it thoroughly
and as I have already [illegible] the
[illegible] we [illegible] [illegible]

to convey to the place I was
going would be like Lions to
some of the night. Mo. I likely
to detect them on foot.

I was talking of hope to have
down to Cairo but that is dead
upon him our passing upon Miss
Mary's name down the Ohio river
[illegible] the Hungarian for they
have run the gauntlet so long to
pick up any scraps of repast [illegible]
work can be pursued to take upon
the Lake in November [illegible]

Please to remember me to your
good Mother and to your dear
Aunt affectionate hospitality I can
for ever [illegible] and devotedness
has made a great impression upon us
I left a Lady [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

Hoke, Didsbury

Mark, John

[to Henry Chapman, Jr.
his friend]

[I am glad you have fairly good news
from home of your dear mother's
health...]

[Written to Harry while he was
staying in Paris.]

Sunday
14/11/1

Greystoke,
Didsbury

Dear Harry.

I am glad you have safely got news from home of your dear Mother's death and hope the weather may soon be suitable for them to go to New Zealand.

I am also pleased to hear you have been able to make some good purchases in London and if you be of any more use in taking a package or

Jan 11 1856 I shall be in
Paris to do so.

As to your "Rembrandt" picture
I know nothing of the trade
at Paris and cannot give you
any advice. I think the Opinion
of Mr. Woods and Agnew would
have determined my bidding, but they
may be wrong. If it is a coin
the question is, what is the original?
it must be known.

I received your letter early in the
week as well and must apologize
for not writing sooner. What
with the affairs of Mr. Bird
my right hand and the pain

Julia and to a Feast at the Iron Hall with the whole visit. Have been "run off my head & legs" and to bed every night at 9 to 10 o'clock.

Yesterday I was engaged in going to Claudius to order to take a house for my family including Fred Hall children & servants. Yesterday looking at many a dozen & thereby, & decided upon a nice villa at 10 minutes walk outside town &

I will endeavour to get off on Thursday the 25th for 5 weeks and shall be there some part of the time about the end of next month just before I leave for the States.

I will return and write you before you return home.

Sam sends his love with his best.

Hope you may have a pleasant journey and with our united love

Yours very sincerely,

Ellen K.

Mark, John

[to Henry Chapman, Jr.,
his friend]

No envelope

[very pleased to receive your letter
of the 18th reporting your doings
up to date which appear to be very
satisfactory as far as business is
concerned, excepting the great
disappointment about the picture.]

[In face of the confirmation you have
had at Agnews and at Paris, it would
be useless to proceed with it as a
genvine work of Rembrandt.]

[Written to Harry while he was
staying in Paris.]

Greystoke.
Bidsbury 21. 7. 19.

My dear Harry

Very pleased to receive your letter of the 17th & perhaps your decision & life to decide which steps to be very satisfactory to you. Business is business & the fact that disappointment about the picture which I feared would be so like the opinion of Mr Woods so confidently given without a moment's hesitation. In fact the confirmation has been a welcome relief & I am very glad it is over & done with. I want to know if I have to pay for the frame

Cypress. Cross y Lee. Hammond
and settlers are arriving from
the Continent. Englishmen are
beginning many not to know.
Jesus Christ. but to Christ
crucified finish of persons
come to forward.

As ever know heaven y heavenly
Creation & Everything Looks & pushes
and beautiful. — Now my dear
& sister Josephine Paris Exhibition
Lady pleased & amused. not it into my
head & heart.

With my kind & love do please all
those my friends

Ever affectionately
Ellen Clark

Don't know Lizzy Locke out of your sight
Mary Ann & the home again. Hope
All is peaceful.

A Chapman Esq:
(— Philadelphia)
Hotel Suède
Rue de l'Echelle. 11
Paris.

[illegible] London, Wales

Mark, John

[the Chapmans' friend]

[to Henry Chapman, Jr.]

August 25, 1884

No envelope.

Aberdeen. 23/8/89.

Dear Harry.

I am glad to hear by your letter to Florence that you have had a pleasant time on the Continent and that in a business point of view your visit altogether is likely to be profitable. It is a great disappointment to me that I cannot join you to town for a day or two.

Gladstone and I leave Liverpool for New York on Wednesday next Sept. 4th and return to Hawarden not a week after we get to Greystoke before

to. Glad to hear that your dear Mother is better since their stay at New Bedford. I am looking forward to seeing them when we go to Philadelphia; our time will be short everywhere as I must return earlier than intended on account of my Allegiance by next year which begins on Nov. 1st and I must be back to get me to barracks by the second or third week in Oct.

The box of Sorcham for you is in my room at the Lyman and can be sent out to Greystone when we go home on Thursday if you want it there, but of course you could have any sent to it when it is out [illegible]

to open or to pack it if you wish.

The weather which was a blaze of summer sunshine day by day the first fortnight we were here, has quite broken since then. We have heavy showers every day. A most disastrous thing for the corn harvest all over our fertile island makes us more than ever depend upon America [illegible] and [illegible]

What they will do in a few generations when all the population of America will eat all they can grow cannot be solved by [illegible]

crowded with congratulations
about the unanimous choice
of my colleagues as Mayor-elect.
It is very gratifying to one's vanity
to receive such enthusiastic kind
approval from so many fellow citizens
and any who may not approve
are so considerate, that they
don't say so.

Two young gentlemen are chatting
at the front window with the girl
I have tried to banish them by com-
mand but could not spell all
to no purpose, so I must close
it up & say Goodbye for the
present

Manchester, England

Mark, John

[St Anne's Square,
Manchester]

[As desired in your letter
of the 28th, received on my
arrival from Llandudno last
evening, I now enclose you a
cheque on my London bank for
£50, which I prefer you to return
to my cashier here when you
receive a remittance from Phila.]

[Written to Harry while he was
staying in London.]

PRIVATE

30. 8. 89

St. Ann's Square,

Manchester.

My dear Harry.

As desired in your letter of the 28th received on my arrival from Llandudno last evening I now enclose you a Cheque on my London Bank for £50. which I prefer you to return to my Cashier here when you receive a remittance from Philadelphia and I send an I.O.U. memo: for you to sign, which I will leave with the Cashier to hand to you in exchange for the money.

I have made arrangements for all the money we shall want in

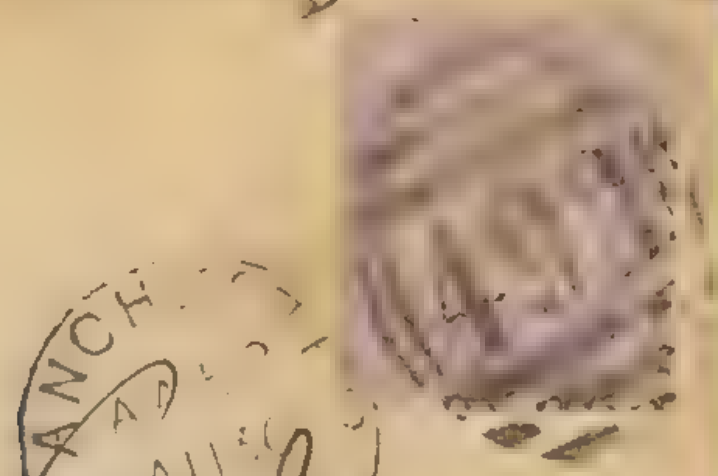
America and don't wish to have any to receive & carry about with me.

My friend is put to very Serious inconvenience in his business by the Dock laborers Strike and on the point of giving up going with me although I have arranged to go entirely on his account. So I have had to stick the Spurs into him & bring him to the Scratch.

I am leaving at very great inconvenience myself but must make the best of it

they are waiting for me
to go. it is G. P. M.
Will write again.

Yours truly.
John Mark



Henry Chapman Esq.
(of Philadelphia)
Langham Hotel
London

Manchester, England

Mark, John

[to Henry Chapman, Sr.,
his friend]

September 1, 1895

No envelope.

[On Wednesday ... I am going to New York
by the S.S. "City of New York" for another
short trip in the States...]

Greystoke.
Bidsbury

aston, MA

Mark, John

[to Henry Chapman, Sr.]

Letter only.

[I have just heard from home that
Harry intended to leave Queenstown
on Sunday so you will soon have
him with you again and I hope
in good health + spirits quite
satisfied with his trip to England.]

HOTEL VENDOME
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.
BOSTON, MASS.

Dear Henry Chapman.

Have just heard from home that Harry intended to leave Queenstown by the Servia on Friday & you will soon see him with your cousin and I hope in good health & spirits quite satisfied with his visit to us.

Dear Lady Lucy left here by the Inman Line Steamer for Liverpool to get to the New Yacht by Mr Julian Hawthorne which sails from New York. We have quite a number of engagements at New York & then to Detroit where our

Henry Adams expects to visit
Harrisburg, Baltimore and
Washington.

I hope to find your dear wife
making good progress towards recovery
and with kindest regards

Believe me Yours very Sincerely
John Hay

Mark, John

[St. Anne's Sq., Manchester]

December

[Refers to coins, and mentions the London auction house, Allen Spink & Son.]

Thanks
Seen Mr Calfin
yet.

Rec'd receipt
Mr Clarkson's Coupons
Mr P's for Canterbury

St. John's Chapel
Manchester

2/7/95

My dear Harry

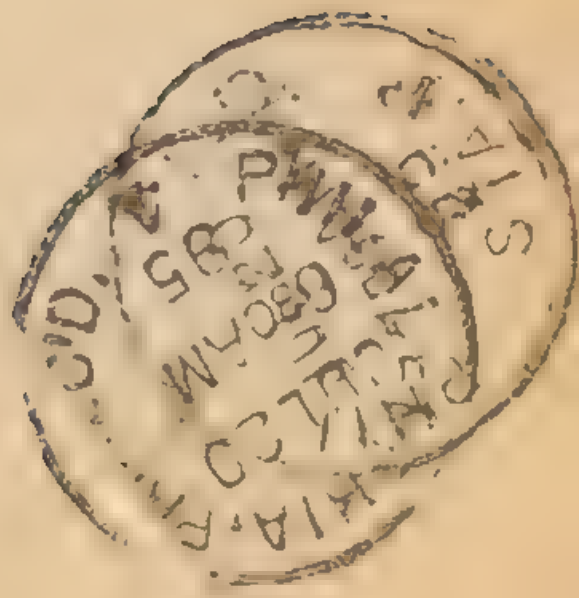
Referring to yours of the 25th ultimo the 12 Coys specified therein have been duly received and placed by me in the little pocket envelopes provided and numbered and have now been retransmitted by registered letter to Messrs Spink & Son, 2 Gracechurch St. London E.C.

I have just returned from London and when at Jermyn St. on Tuesday the Gentleman who had charge of the Bins came in to ask if the name had any connection with Mr Holdsworth of Manchester and showed me the receipt for the Registered Letter he had just posted to me here. I think his name is Mr Burke of N.Y. City a very nice Gentleman.

As to the Lincoln Cheque for 3.10.0 my memory is clearly at fault about the money but I remember you paying for the stamp. So you must have paid for the Cheque. Please forgive the want of memory. My practice is to enter particulars in Cheq: book Counterfoil

Thos. A. Chapman for
Thos. A. Laidlaw & Son "for
money in exchange" or
for temporary loan" and
these are omitted
in summing over my
Cash Book I came across
the entry and have nothing
else to guide me. Although
all Receipts by Letter
il-does some overnight in
not including the cost
in your statement.

Will Kindly Wards Banks



Harry Cadwalader Esq^r Jr.

1348. Pine St.

Philadelphia

Pa

Manchester, England

Mark, John

[to Henry Chapman, Sr.]

[Greystoke, West Didsbury,
Manchester, England]

[By this post I am sending you a copy of a book that I published last year for my family and relatives, which I hope you will accept as a souvenir of our friendship since I made your happy acquaintance in 1884...]

[This book is probably "Genealogy of the family of Mark, or Marke; county of Cumberland,... Bowscale branch,... from which is descended John Mark, Esq., now residing at Greystoke, West Didsbury, near Manchester."]

GREYSTOKE,
WEST DIDSBURY.

23. 2. 1900.

My dear friend Henry Chapman

By this post I am sending you a copy of a book that I published last year for my family and relatives which I hope you will accept as a Souvenir of our friendship since I made your happy acquaintance in 1884. And if you have in Philadelphia any Public Library in which

if I think it would be suitable to place one for reference by old Quaker families from Cumberland & the North of England. Should be glad to send a copy of it, if you will indicate the exact name of the Library for any inscription. Professor Wark of the Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts, saw in the British Museum, Lindow the Copy. I had to send there, and wrote to ask me where he could get it. We met in London next day and I had the pleasure of

him with a copy for Harvard
with which he was much pleased.
and had some interesting
correspondence with a gentleman
in Pennsylvania whose name
I forget at the moment.
You will see that my pedigree
goes back father & son to the
same name & birth place 1645.
At the time of George Fox
whose ministrations were began
in that neighborhood.

I must admit that I am
very remiss in correspondence
for which I cannot make any

good excuse: only leaving it to my Wife & Harry to exchange the domestic news: the happy marriages of your sons & births of Grandchildren which must make you very happy & content in advancing years.

We are all very well. The almost suddenly unexpected death of our dear daughter Maud on Dec. 15th of Pneumonia & Typhoid is a great grief to us all and the poor desolate husband left for South Africa as a Volunteer officer on Saturday last in the S.S. Joseph. Leaving his beautiful own house & prosperous business almost regardless of consequences.

For the last 3 yrs we have spent most of our time at a very beautiful

Shooting & Boat residence in Wales.
in lovely Scenery and I have
left Corporation Public work
almost entirely to enjoy the
holiday leisure of out door sport
& exercise with the gun, after
Pheasants, Partridges, Woodcock
Rabbits, Hares, Wood pidgeons &
come to Manchester (2¼ hours)
just when I like, without
sacrifice of business income.
I have been here 2 days and
am returning there in a few
minutes from now
of course I come over frequently

to keep in touch with Manchester public life to some extent on the Magistracy bench &c &c but still, I feel I am having a long well earned holiday.—

How will you forgive me if I begin again just where we left off and come over to visit us this very Summer & we will try to make you happy & quite independant of politics.—

In the long run these little Islands "in the Atlantic, as the Indian chief said of your Schools, are on the whole, hard to beat as a place to live in & to be "proud of".

With affectionate regards to you all Yours sincerely

John Clark

Miss Chapman Esq
1346. Pine St.
Philadelphia . Pa.
U. S. A.

Mold, N. Wales

Mark, John

October 21, 1900

[to Henry Chapman, Sr.]

[Written from Prestfelde Hall
near Mold, North Wales.]

[illegible]

Cefn Mawr Hall,
Nr Mold,
N.W.

21/10/1900.

My dear Henry Chapman.

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th and your very kind invitation to my dear wife & self to visit you again which would be very enjoyable but as time & age creep on very fast the inclination to undertake a big tour

does not increase & we find it more & more difficult to leave our home & family surroundings. I should not think so much about it myself but my dear Emily will never recover her usual health & spirits again; she is greatly depressed & always thinking of our darling child Maud who was very near & dear to her. On the 23rd she is going to Grantham to arrange plants & flowers on her grave on her Birthday.

I duly received the photos of the Giant Antlers & am obliged for the offer of them but I would not care to possess them for a modern private house I sh^d think they ought to go to some Museum or to the ancestral Hall of a good old Country Mansion — Big Game Shooting has no attraction for me, I don't call it Sport like popping away at Pheasants, Partridges

Hares, Rabbits &c as fast as you can load & every day if one likes either at home or with neighbours.

Tomorrow I am going to London to spend the week at our business there which I rather like for a change. I am writing a lot of letters to clear my table before leaving & Emily has retired. So I must include her love to you all which we always shall feel very sincerely. Yours Affectly

John Mark

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